

Mojave Weed Management Area

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Introduction

Weed Management Areas are local organizations that bring together landowners and managers in a county or other geographical area to coordinate efforts and expertise against common invasive weed species. They try to address the problem of both agricultural and wildland weeds, and assist private landowners with their weed management efforts.

Advantages

- Coordinate efforts on a watershed or landscape basis (across jurisdictional lines) to halt the spread of invasive weeds and restore areas to a healthy condition
- Share information and resources
- Assist private landowners
- Goals usually include:
 - Cooperation with landowners and managers
 - Enhance mapping and planning efforts
 - Education and outreach

California WMAs



Mojave WMA

- SB 1740 - funding for WMAs
- Mojave desert RCD - lead agency
- Start-up meeting
- ***Networking***
- Cooperative agreement - Memorandum of Understanding
- Annual plan (SB 1740 work plan) - annual projects, expected in-kind funding needed, basis for outside grant proposals
 - Saltcedar control project - Dec 2002
 - Sahara mustard pilot control project
 - Informational brochure for 13 priority species



Saltcedar - Mojave River Narrows



Giant reed



Russian olive

Mojave River Narrows



Sahara mustard

The Future - Planning

- Long Range Plan - long-term direction
- New Annual Plan
- Funding - restoring, improving, and protecting habitat
- Education - *essential element*
 - Impacts of invasive species:
 - Lower property values
 - Decrease wildlife habitat
 - Increase erosion
 - Lower water quality
 - Reduce recreation opportunities
 - Increase agriculture costs
 - Disrupt productive ecosystems

Conclusion

Essential Elements: Partners & Planning

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